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# Director for CIA is chosen

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WASHINGTON — Adm. Stansfield Turner, a Naval Academy classmate of President Carter, will be nominated to head the CIA, the White House announced yesterday.

Turner, 53, is commander-in-chief of U. S. forces in southern Europe.

Asked why Carter chose Turner, White House press secretary Jody Powell said, "The major reason is his (Carter's) feeling this is a person who has his complete trust."

Theodore C. Sorensen, Carter's first choice for the post, withdrew his nomination last month because of opposition to him in the Senate.

Powell said Carter felt that Turner "is eminently qualified for this position with a broad background militarily and academically." Turner, a Rhodes scholar, was graduated 25th (of 820) in the class of 1946 at Annapolis; Carter finished 59th.

Deputy presidential press secretary Rex Granum said Carter had told the cabinet yesterday morning that he had not known Turner as a midshipman.

"He was so far ahead of us that we never considered him competition or even a peer, and I'm not exaggerating," Granum quoted Carter as telling the cabinet. "I think you'll all be pleased with Stan Turner. I have never known a better military person."

Granum said Carter described

Turner as "a superior number-one academic, a superb all-around athlete" and a "five-striper," or brigade commander, the highest rank a midshipman can achieve.

"I think as you meet him you will find him a military person who in the future could be the next George Marshall," Carter reportedly told the cabinet in a reference to the former Army chief-of-staff who became secretary of state under President Harry S. Truman.

Turner and Carter entered Annapolis as members of the class of 1947. They graduated in 1946 because of an accelerated academic program stemming from World War II.

After leaving the Naval Academy, Turner attended Oxford University in England as a Rhodes Scholar to work on a master's degree.

He then held various assignments at sea, including command of a minesweeper, a destroyer and a guided missile frigate.

An expert on the Soviet navy, Turner has served as director of systems analysis in the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations at the Pentagon, as president of the Naval War College, and as commander of the U. S. Second Fleet.

Asked if Turner's area of expertise prompted Carter to name him CIA director, Powell said, "The President has publicly expressed his interest in that situation. . . the President has publicly expressed his concern about the relative strength (of the Soviet navy), not so much the existing relationship by the future."

Writing in the current issue of Foreign Affairs magazine, Turner deplored "a historic fixation with the numbers game" played both by those who say the Navy is becoming weak and those who contend that the U. S. Navy is outbuilding the Soviet Union's.

"Focus on trends rather than statistics will make the dialogue of the naval balance more substantial and productive," he wrote.

"A sensible approach will be to ask not 'who is ahead?' but to determine whether our naval forces in hand, considering the other forces on the planet, can carry out our national purpose."

Turner warned that "the balance is slowly tipping against us" in nuclear-powered submarines. "We had better watch carefully to see how vigorously the Soviets continue to push their submarine programs and how well our technological and tactical advances progress," he wrote.